

NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research
One-Time Start-Up Costs Grant

GRANT PROGRAM NO. 05-SCR-5**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

NJCSCR Fund Chapter 201 P.L. 1999 NJSA 52:9E-1

TYPE OF AWARDS TO BE ISSUED:

Cost-reimbursement Grants

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:

The NJCSCR will fund start-up costs to facilitate the establishment of new spinal cord injury research laboratories. The primary focus of the research must hold promise of developing effective interventions and cures for paralysis and other consequences of spinal cord injury and disease. All qualifying institutions in the State of New Jersey may apply. The qualifying institution must provide evidence of qualified research leadership for the new laboratory and the commitment of financial support necessary to sustain the research for a minimum of five years. These awards may be used for the renovation of space, support of research personnel (maximum of one year salary for technical support staff, after the first year, no personnel costs are permitted), and the purchase of equipment directly related to the research. No indirect costs are permitted. The goal of this program is to enable the establishment of new laboratories and facilitate the recruitment of highly qualified researchers to conduct spinal cord research in New Jersey. A qualifying research institution may not apply for both a "One-Time Start-Up Costs" grant and a "Five-Year Named Chair for Senior and Junior Faculty" grant using the same faculty member in the same grant year.

AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:

The NJCSCR will fund start-up costs ranging from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000 to facilitate the establishment of new spinal cord injury research laboratories. Awards will begin on or about December 15, 2004. Money granted must be held in a separate account with all accrued interest being maintained in the account. Each grant award will be contingent upon the availability of funds. Any change in the research focus will result in the revocation of the award and the return of funds on a prorated basis. This is a one-year grant award with a progress reporting period of five years during which time an annual Narrative Report must be submitted to the NJCSCR office. Evidence of the necessary organizational/institutional financial support to sustain the research must be included as part of the report. The NJCSCR reserves the right to distribute funds among the grants in this program 05-SCR-5 as well as among the NJCSCR's other grant programs 05-SCR-1, 05-SCR-3, 05-SCR-4. The NJCSCR reserves the right not to fund any grants in this program 05-SCR-5 to the maximum amount, or not to fund any grant in this program at all. Grant awards to all four programs (05-SCR-1, 05-SCR-3, 05-SCR-4, 05-SCR-5) will not exceed \$4,000,000.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants.
2. General and specific Grant Compliance requirements issued by the Granting Agency.
3. Applicable Federal Cost Principles relating to the Applicant.

GROUP OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:

All qualifying institutions in the State of New Jersey may apply for One-Time Start-Up Costs grants under this program. A qualifying institution is defined as any academic institution, research organization, public or private institution or other entity, located in the State of New Jersey, with demonstrated capability to conduct grant funded research, and specifically approved by the vote of the Commission, but in no case can an individual be a qualifying research institution.

QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED BY APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT:

Proposals are evaluated based upon evidence provided by the qualifying institution that a new research laboratory will be established upon receipt of these funds. Such evidence should include, but is not limited to, range of construction, detailed equipment listing, evidence of other support from the institution, evidence that the institution is providing space to be renovated, information on a newly recruited faculty or staff member, or evidence that an experienced researcher in a related field will establish a new laboratory dedicated to spinal cord injury research.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Applications and NJCSCR Research Guidelines governing grants are available from the NJCSCR office, or can be downloaded from the website at www.state.nj.us/health/spinalcord/. Review and the awarding of grants will occur once a year.

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DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED:

Letter of Intent – May 3, 2004

DATE BY WHICH APPLICANT SHALL BE NOTIFIED WHETHER THEY WILL RECEIVE FUNDS:

Notification – November 30, 2004